

[22 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

Grounding of 15 Years Old Aircrafts

3110. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to acquire new aircraft for Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Air in the next three years;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to ground aircrafts of more than 15 years of age;

(d) if not, the reasons thereof; and

(e) how many aircrafts of more than 15 years of age are flying at present and in what way these aircrafts are said to be of airworthiness;

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are planning to take few aircraft on dry lease. Indian Airlines is undertaking a Techno evaluation study of aircrafts for augmentation of capacity and replacement of A-310 and B-737-200 aircraft currently.

(c) to (e) Both Air India and Indian Airlines are having 76 and 21 aircraft respectively which are more than 15 year old. No life span is specified for aircraft. The operation of an aircraft may continue subject to its airworthiness being certified by DGCA.

Cancellation of Alliance Airlines flights

† 3111. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(b) whether it is a fact that the eight flights of Alliance Airlines from Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi had been cancelled on 22nd July, 2000;

(c) if so, what were the reasons therefor;

(d) whether some pilots had refused to take-off the outdated aeroplanes of Alliance Airlines; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.